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German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 37 24 620 A1 (Sick), dated February 2, 1989, slide-in box with spring elements;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 198 43 627 A1 (Hörlle et al.), dated April 13, 2000, detachable connection configuration;

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